

## The Watauga Democrat.

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### LOCAL NEWS.

—Atty. W. B. Council, is attending Lenoir court.

—Some communications crowded out of this issue but will appear next week.

—Prof. W. M. Francum began a school at the Brown school house last Monday.

—Dr. M. F. Morphew, of Marion, N. C., was in town this week.

—A new line of shoes and hats at Moretz and Farthing's. Prices always right.

—I will not be undersold by "Cheap John" merchants. A trial is all I ask. M. B. Blackburn.

—Miss Stella Gragg and her brother, of Globe, have been visiting their uncle, Esq. Jim Blair, on New River.

—We have been having most splendid rains for some days past, and the growing crops are very much revived.

I will now close out my spring and summer hats (ladies straw) at and under cost. Give me a trial. M. B. Blackburn.

—The members of Boone Lodge, No. 5, I. O. O. F. are requested to be present at the Lodge next Saturday night, as there is some important business to transact.

—DIED:—On Monday or any other day in the week, with Putnam Fadeless Dyes goods will not fade either by sunlight or washing. Sold by J. A. Edmisten, Blowing Rock.

—Mrs. L. W. Triplett, who had her skull fractured by the kick of a mule some time since, and Mr. M. Triplett, who has been very low with fever are both improving, so we are informed by Dr. Parlier.

—On Tuesday of this week D. Greer, of Elk, was lodged in jail here for breaking in the store of P. L. Hamby on Monday night. Greer confessed his guilt after his arrest, but his accomplice in the crime made his escape.

—Dr. John L. Cottrell, of North Wilkesboro, who has recently returned from his second course of lectures, was in town a few days since, and gave us a short call. As usual, the Dr. renewed his subscription.

—Friday of this week is the day set apart for the public picnic at Elk Knob Academy on Meat Camp. There will be some temperance speeches made during the day. All are invited to attend, taking well-filled baskets.

—H. Moody, the mail-carrier on the Patterson route, informs us that on Monday of this week, a man by the name of Clarke was killed at Henry Coffey's mill on Mulberry by one Penley. Clarke was stabbed in the breast and only lived a few hours.

—Lenoir Court has a long, tedious term, and it now seems that it may continue through next week.

Simon Gragg, charged with the killing of Moore and Barman on John's River over a year ago, has been found guilty and will be hanged on the 16th. of July. The Franklin case is now on trial.

—Prof. D. D. Dougherty returned a few days since, from Bristol, Tenn., where he attended the commencement of the south-western Baptist Female University. He has now gone back to Butler, Tenn., from which place he will go to Nashville, and take in the Centennial.

—T. C. McBride, one of the foremost stock dealers in the county, was in town Monday, and informed us that he shipped 750 head of sheep last week, and has quite a lot on hand yet. While here he bought two heifers for which he paid \$50. Clarke is a hustler.

—On Wednesday of last week Mr. B. J. Council, Sr., and Miss Delia Bradley, both of Brushy Fork, were married at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. D. W. Bradley. To this couple, we extend our hearty congratulations and hope that they may have smooth sailing over the sea of life.

—The Board of County Commissioners, at their meeting this week levied a special tax of 3½ cts., on the \$100 valuation and 10 cts., on the poll for the purpose of paying off the county indebtedness caused by the Mecklenburg Road Law. It is thought that this levy will put the county even again.

—On Monday of this week, the County Commissioners, Register of Deeds and Clerk of the Court, on joint ballot elected a Board of Education composed of the following gentlemen: Wiley H. Farthing, Millard Norris and L. H. Trivett. This Board is a very important one, and we hope they will prove efficient officials.

—Last week Deputy Collector Horton joined Collector Russeau and men, of Wilkes, and made a raid on the blockade distillers in Ashe county. They succeeded well, locating and demolishing five places of business of that kind, but come near having some serious trouble. On Friday, while cutting up a still they were fired upon by the owners, and several shots were exchanged but no damage done. The shooting took place near Cut Laurel Gap.

—The school at Valle Crucis opened on last Tuesday with flattering prospects for this session. The Rev. Nicholson, principal of the school, was in town Monday in its interest, and got several pupils from our town. Misses Jennie Blackburn and Mary L. Hardin have gone, and Misses Mary Cole and Alice Boyden will go in a few days. The advantages offered at this school are unsurpassed, and if you have a son or daughter you wish to put in school, you could do no better than to send them to Valle Crucis.

—From Johnson City "Comet": "Dr. J. M. Hogshead, the reliable cancer specialist of Banner Elk, N. C., paid us a very pleasant visit on Tuesday. He was here to relieve Miss Bertie Edens, one of the belles of Washington county, of a very severe cancer of the forehead. Well, it is enough to say that he succeeded in fine style, and Miss Bertie's many friends are congratulating her. Personally, the doctor is a genial and forcible talker, a solid Democrat, and a perfect walking encyclopedia of men and measures."

Over the Mountains to the Epworth League and Sunday School Conference.

Since I was so fortunate as to be at the Epworth League and Sunday School Conference just held at Valle Crucis it is a pleasure to me to report for your excellent paper some of the pleasant features of the occasion as well as the charming trip over the mountains. The fact that I came from the low country prepares me all the more to enjoy mountain scenery. Although I had previously traveled over a considerable portion of the Blue Ridge in adjoining States, yet it had never been my good fortune before this to cross the range in my own State, hence I was anxious to take the trip.

Leaving Lenoir early in the morning we reached the foot of the mountain before the sun was very high and ere it crossed the meridian we were at Blowing Rock enjoying the delightful breezes.

So many have already written much of the scenery around Blowing Rock that it were folly for me to attempt even the most general description of it. Suffice it to say that nature there affords all that one could desire.

The drive from there to Valle Crucis was no less enjoyable, the scenery is wild and picturesque. Whatever may be said of nature's charms at Blowing Rock there is just as much to admire and enjoy at Valle Crucis.

The situation is well-nigh perfect, placed as it is in the lovely valley of the far-famed Watauga, surrounded by lofty mountain peaks compels the admiration of all, while the charming climate makes one desire to resort often to this pleasing retreat.

A kind Creator has lavishly bestowed his best gifts upon this place. Not only has nature been bounteous here, but man has done much to improve the natural resources. The soil in the valley is remarkably fertile and we were pleased to see well cultivated farms and good comfortable homes all along.

But that which did our hearts most good was the warm hearted hospitality we met at every turn. Never shall we forget their kindness to us and the capacity of their homes for holding guests was only equaled by the largeness of their hearts. It was also a pleasure to find a prosperous school in their midst under the management of Rev. W. L. Nicholson, who seems in much favor with the people. It is not often our good fortune to meet people more enthusiastic over their school.

In the center of the valley the people have built a neat and pretty church, in which the sessions of the conference were held.

On Sunday the church was dedicated by a very interesting and impressive sermon by the Presiding Elder, Rev. H. M. Blair, which seemed a fitting close for so delightful and profitable an occasion as the conference had been.

We would fain write something of the proceedings of this conference, but our letter grows long and we leave it to others to tell the many pleasing features of this delightful session.

#### A VISITING LEAGUER.

What Hood's Sarsaparilla has done for others it will also do for you. Hood's Sarsaparilla cures all blood diseases.

Prof. Holliday, President of the A. and M. College reports the College to be in a very satisfactory condition and says the prospect for the next session is very flattering.

### In Feeble Health

Unable to do Her Work - Nervous and Tired - All These Troubles Cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

"For the past four years I have been in feeble health, and for two years past, owing to change of climate, I have not been able to do my work. I was nervous and had a tired feeling and was under the treatment of physicians, but continually grew worse. My husband insisted on my trying Hood's Sarsaparilla and I finally consented, and began taking it the first of June, 1893. The first bottle did me so much good that I continued with it, and after taking four bottles and one bottle of Hood's Pills I am able to do my work, and the tired, nervous feeling is entirely cured." Mrs. G. N. HOSMA, Swannee, Ga.

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### Come to See Me!

—O—  
Yes, the old year is gone and the new one is here, and I am still here and hope to merit your confidence and trade during the year 1897 by **Fair and honest deals.**

I shall endeavor to keep on hand such goods as you all may need, and at as low prices as I can possibly sell the same.

I shall, during the year try to keep a better assortment of goods than ever before.

**do not expect to KEEP "CHEAP JOHN SHODDY STUFF,"**

but good goods that I can recommend to my friends and customers. I ask a portion of your valuable patronage on these facts. Any special goods not kept in stock will be cheerfully ordered for my friends on short notice. I shall keep a good line of Coffee,

Sugar,  
Rice,  
Soda,  
Spice,  
etc.

Also domestic, jeans, almanace, calicoes, cashmeres, flannels, fancy dress goods

#### AND SHOES

I keep the largest stock in the county and try to get the best shoe on the market for the least money. You will find all grades from the coarse to the fine \$2.25 ladies shoes. Men's and children's in all grades.

You will find all grades men's and boys' hats, Ladies untrimmed hats. I think I have as good a stock of **HARDWARE** as you will find in the county, all very cheap. Please come to see me when in need of goods, will do you right every time.

I will appreciate your trade, and return many, MANY thanks for past patronage. Yours anxious to please,  
**WILL W. HOLSCLOW.**

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ALL DRUGGISTS

REGULATE THE LIVER

Are you coming to Town?

Do you expect to buy any goods while here?

If so I assure you that I can make it to your advantage to give me a call.

I HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM THE NORTHERN CITIES WHERE I HAVE TAKEN THE ADVANTAGE OF A LARGE CLOSING OUT SALE OF

**DRY GOODS,**

**NOTIONS, AND**

**CLOTHING.**

WHICH WILL BE SOLD STRICTLY FOR CASH

AT WHOLESALE PRICES

Having made my profit in BUYING.

Thanking you for past favors, I am

Very Respectfully,

**M. B. BLACKBURN.**

April 21.

**THE FARMERS MUTUAL**  
Fire, Wind and Lightning Association.

Watauga and Mitchell Branch is now nearing the \$200,000 mark of stock subscribed. A company of the people for the people and by the people, cheaper than the cheapest and safer than the safest. Fair and honorable adjustment without law suits. W. H. Calloway, Pres't. W. L. Bryan, Treas. Supervisors, A. J. Critcher, Jeremiah Harrison, W. C. L. Hulcher, N. L. Mast, H. H. Farthing, W. H. Hardin, J. M. Shull, L. D. Lowe and A. J. Moretz.

#### HE'S HAPPY, YOU BET!

From the Greensboro Record.

About the happiest man in attendance upon the closing hours of the Legislature was Jesse F. Hoskins.

He has been working to get passed a bill exempting the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Co. from taxation. He thought it was secure and left last week, but had to return to look after it. However it is now a law and Jesse comes in under the wire in fine shape. The Legislature places the Farmers Mutual on a level with the other benevolent societies like the Odd Fellows, Masons, etc.

He has a right to feel proud for unquestionably all doubt of the various associations he has with so much hard labor established in the West not being here to stay are eliminated. The excitement over the vote in the Senate Saturday night was but little less than that in the House over the lease bill.

Our countryman has achieved a State reputation for tenacity of purpose determination and success in carrying to a successful termination what he believes to be right. He deserves success and should be congratulated and thanked by all of his farmer friends.

#### The Duke and the Farmers Mutual.

From the Twin City Daily.

Jesse F. Hoskins passed up the Wilkesboro road this morning spreading the good news among the various branch Associations of the "Farmers Mutual" of the valuable legislation he has secured for them. He says the grand principle of his insurance is now legalized, which is as old as time itself, when the Great Law-Giver said: Bear ye one another's burdens, and "not a wave of trouble now rolls over his peaceful breast." Mr. Hoskins manages these Associations with credit to himself and a benefit to the farming class, to which he belongs.

Mr. Hoskins, the General Manager of the Farmer's Mutual, says that the Watauga and Mitchell Branch is now approaching closely the \$300,000 mark, and that this Branch taken all in all, would before mid-summer be the ideal one in the State; that the class of stock-holders, as appears by the list, averages up better. —DEMOCRAT.

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